

# John Davis

The Corporate Action Hero at The Corporate Action Hero

Akron, OH, US

From Paralyzed to Stuntman: How To Overcome Adversity, Change, and reach Peak Performances.

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## Biography

Want to show your team what they are capable of? Want to inspire them to take their performance to the next level? Want them to have skills for achievement? Want them to have a great time while learning the skills so they retain the information? You may ask yourself what a comedy sword-fighting stuntman can do for you?(Bet you've never asked yourself that before.) At 22 I was well on the way to fulfilling my dream of being a Stuntman and Fight Director. That is, until my spine was split in two leaving me paralyzed. Using what I now call "the Five F Formula" I was able to regain my mobility and go on to perform over four thousand live comedy sword fighting stunt shows all over the world including the front lines of both Iraq and Afghanistan on six USO tours. In my career i have become an expert in taking people through challenging (and sometimes life threatening) situations and have them become empowered to far exceed their own expectations and reach greater heights than they thought possible. I will deliver: A FUN interactive program Something completely different from anything you have had before NO POWERPOINT Real-world skills for Leadership, Adversity, Change, Peak Performances Bullwhips....no really Bullwhips. Nunchucks...again really nunchucks... cool. Ah Ha Moments wrapped in Laughter. My proven material is tailored to meet the unique challenges of your industry, and the goals you have set for your event. All of my programs are interactive and will culminate with one of your audience members, in under five minutes, learning to crack the bullwhip and hitting targets I will hold in my hand!! Partial Client List: USO, J.M. Smuckers, Nationwide Insurance, AFLAC, The Dwyer Group, BASF, LG, McDonalds, Akzonobel, Penn Station Subs, Civista Bank, Englefield Oil/Dutchess Shoppes, BSI Financial, Mr. Rooter, Oberlin College, AirServ, Nest International "I WATCHED IN AMAZEMENT AS MY TEAM MADE UP OF EXECUTIVES, MANAGERS, TELLERS AND MORE HUNG ON HIS EVERY WORD, LAUGHED AT EVERY JOKE, AND VISIBLY SAT UP STRAIGHTER AND OOOZED MORE CONFIDENCE AS HIS PRESENTATION PROGRESSED." ~ Michael Leone, Widget Financial

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## Availability

Author Appearance

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## Industry Expertise

Corporate Leadership, Motion Pictures and Film, Management Consulting, Events Services, Entertainment, Training and Development, Performing Arts

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## Areas of Expertise

Team Building, Motivation, Peak Performance & Personal Development, Leadership, Change & Uncertainty

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## Affiliations

National Speakers Association Professional Member, Certified Virtual Speaker Espeakers

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## Sample Talks

### **Awakening the Inner Action Hero**

From PARALYZED to STUNTMAN! How I Overcome Adversity and reached Peak Performances!  
Format: 60, 90, or 120 minutes This program is perfect for: Senior management Teams struggling with forward momentum Managers of underperforming sales groups Any company going through Change The audience will leave with: More Confidence Skills to manage change Techniques for managing teams Newest methods of Customer service The inspiration to take immediate action. At 22 John Davis was well on the way to fulfilling his dream of being a Stuntman and Fight Director. That is until his spine was split in two leaving him paralyzed. Using what he now calls "the Five F Formula" John was able to regain his mobility and went on to perform over four thousand live comedy sword fighting stunt shows all over the world including the front lined of both Iraq and Afghanistan on six USO tours. This program is fun, interactive, and delivers proven content that elicits real change. In under 5 minutes, one of your audience members will crack a whip and hit targets John holds in his hand!! "John brought amazing value to our Reunion and his electrifying personality kept them fully engaged!"; "Thanks, John you Rocked the House!!" ~Dina Dwyer Owens, The Dwyer Group and Television's "Undercover Boss"

### **HEROIC LEADERSHIP: A FIGHT DIRECTOR'S APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP**

Format: 45, 60, or 90-minute keynote This program is perfect for: Senior management Middle-level managers team leaders The audience will leave with: Emotional Intelligence skills Effective communications skills New skills for leading teams to peak performances increased confidence This Keynote address inspires existing, new, and aspiring leaders to, "Empower their potential." By developing a unified team with an inspiring leader amongst them, You break free of hierarchical disconnects that stop forward movement and create the momentum of success.

### **HEROIC EMPOWERMENT: CELEBRATE, REJUVENATE, MOTIVATE**

WHEN TEAMS HAVE BEEN THROUGH ADVERSITY AND CHANGE THE BEST THING TO MOTIVATE THEM IS A GREAT TIME! In Fun and interactive Keynotes and Workshops over the course of a day, The Corporate Action Hero Dynamic Duo: John Davis "The Corporate Action Hero" and Tamara Zoner "The Happiness Coach" Celebrate, Rejuvenate, and Motivate your team. They "Awaken Their Inner Action Heroes" and learn valuable skills in Positive Work Culture, Effective Communication, Leadership, and more. Your team will laugh while the bond together and learn valuable skills to shorten learning curves, Increase productivity, and speed up achievements. The day is tailored to meet your unique needs.

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## Education

University of Delaware  
BA Architecture

**Society of American Fight Directors**  
Certified Stage Combat /Fight Direction

**Life**  
Masters Management/ Directing/ Entertainment

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Artistic Director**

John served as the Artistic Director of four regional theme parks across the nation, where he developed a reputation for reversing negative trends. With John at the helm of both entertainment and marketing, the parks witnessed growths of up to 60% in a single year's time.

### **Entertainer**

As an international entertainer, John has traveled extensively throughout the world speaking to audiences of all ages and backgrounds in 28 countries and over four thousand live performances.

### **USO Entertainer**

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 John has dedicated a great amount of time bringing entertainment to the soldiers overseas. On six USO tours, John has performed more than one hundred shows and has taken his comedy to even the most remote bases in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

### **Fight Director**

John is a highly respected fight director and is a recognized instructor with the International Order of the Sword and Pen, an organization that brings together instructors from around the globe who are renowned in both stage and film.

### **Professor**

Professor at the renowned Oberlin College where he taught Stage Combat in the theater department.

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## **Testimonials**

### **Micheal Leone**

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### **Dina Dwyer Owens**

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**Rusty Campbell**

"Mr. Davis provided an outstanding presentation during our annual year end event. I assure you that you have never experienced a motivational presentation quite like his. It was fun, entertaining, exciting, and inspirational. If you are in need of a keynote speaker and you do not hire him, you are doing yourself a disservice. It was an absolute pleasure for our company to have him at our event."

**Elizabeth Rice**

"John was professional and engaging. Not only was it interactive with a purpose but also tailored to our needs. Thank you."

**Jim Rhodes**

"Inspire and motivate a sales team to embrace changes in our business, and be willing to take the necessary risks to improve their performance, compensation and quality of life. John delivered a FIVE STAR performance in all areas, and our group still talking about is unique style and unforgettable Keynote!"

**Ashley DeWitt**

"John joined our management group for our annual company picnic. He kept the audience fully engaged and delivered a fantastic message about leadership and team building. John's speech was relatable, motivating and exciting - something that many of us will never forget! If you are looking for someone who can deliver a strong message and have a lot of fun at the same time - the Corporate Action Hero is your guy!"

**Angela Inks**

"John did an amazing job for our team. He set the expectations and needs very clearly. His communication in organizing the event was timely and accurate. John's performance was memorable and a huge hit for those on stage and off! I would highly recommend John for any organization looking to find ways to inspire its members/employees to reach beyond their limits and become true action heroes."

**Sarah Hartzler**

"What an amazing and engaging presentation! Our staff are still talking about their experience with "The Corporate Action Hero". John was able to relate the training directly to our needs. Highly recommended!"

**Jerry Quinn**

"John is a dynamic and experienced speaker who can motivate audiences and show them what is possible within themselves. His work can lead to significant improvements in personal and business results."

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